

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . GAO REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on the implementation of the information sharing system developed under this Act.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the information sharing procedures described in this Act are implemented, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted under subsection (a), which shall include an assessment of—

(1) the effectiveness of the information sharing system in sharing cyber threat indicators, including an approximate number of cyber threat indicators shared;

(2) the extent to which the information sharing procedures described in this Act—

(A) are used by private entities; and

(B) are effective at screening out personal information or information that identifies a specific person not directly related to a cybersecurity threat;

(3) the extent to which private entities have implemented procedures to remove personal information or information that identifies a specific person not directly related to a cybersecurity threat prior to sharing cyber threat indicators with a Federal entity, consistent with the requirements of this Act;

(4) the extent to which the Department of Homeland Security has implemented procedures to remove personal information or information that identifies a specific person not directly related to a cybersecurity threat prior to sharing cyber threat indicators with private entities or other Federal entities, consistent with the requirements of this Act; and

(5) the effectiveness of data security implemented by Federal entities that are involved in the sharing of cyber threat indicators.

SA 2612. Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 3, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 5, line 8, and insert the following:

system that is reasonably likely to result in an unauthorized effort to adversely impact the security, availability, confidentiality, or integrity of an information system or information that is stored on, processed by, or transiting an information system.

(B) **EXCLUSION.**—The term “cybersecurity threat” does not include any action that solely involves a violation of a consumer term of service or a consumer licensing agreement.

(6) **CYBER THREAT INDICATOR.**—The term “cyber threat indicator” means information that is necessary to describe or identify—

(A) malicious reconnaissance, including anomalous patterns of communications that appear to be transmitted for the purpose of gathering technical information related to a cybersecurity threat or security vulnerability;

(B) a method of defeating a security control or exploitation of a security vulnerability;

(C) a security vulnerability, including anomalous activity that appears to indicate the existence of a security vulnerability;

(D) a method of causing a user with legitimate access to an information system or information that is stored on, processed by, or

transiting an information system to unwittingly enable the defeat of a security control or exploitation of a security vulnerability;

(E) malicious cyber command and control;

(F) the harm caused by an incident, including a description of the information exfiltrated as a result of a particular cybersecurity threat;

(G) any other attribute of a cybersecurity threat, if disclosure of such information is not otherwise prohibited by law; or

SA 2613. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 22, strike lines 13 through 19 and insert the following:

(i) are shared in as close to real time as practicable with all appropriate Federal entities and in accordance with Attorney General policies, procedures, and guidelines and any applicable statutory requirements; and

On page 22, line 20, strike “(iii)” and insert “(ii)”.

On page 30, strike lines 4 through 8 and insert the following:

(C) ensures that the appropriate Federal entities receive such cyber threat indicators in as close to real time as practicable and in accordance with Attorney General policies, procedures, and guidelines and any applicable statutory requirements;

Beginning on page 31, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 32, line 6, and insert the following:

(B) the appropriate Federal entities receive such cyber threat indicators and defensive measures through the process within the Department of Homeland Security in as close to real time as practicable and in accordance with Attorney General policies, procedures, and guidelines and any applicable statutory requirements.

(4) **OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.**—The process developed and implemented under paragraph (1) shall ensure that other Federal entities receive such cyber threat indicators and defensive measures shared with the Federal Government through the process in as close to real time as practicable and in accordance with Attorney General policies, procedures, and guidelines and any applicable statutory requirements.

SA 2614. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike paragraph (1) of section 4(c) and insert the following:

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—

(A) **SHARING WITH ALL ENTITIES.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2) and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an entity may, for the purposes permitted under this Act and consistent with the protection of classified information, share with, or receive from, any other entity or the Federal Government in a manner consistent with section 5(c)(1)(B) a cyber threat indicator or defensive measure.

(B) **SHARING WITH FEDERAL ENTITIES.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2) and consistent with other applicable laws, an entity may, for the purposes permitted under this Act and consistent with the protection of

classified information, share with, or receive from, the Federal Government a cyber threat indicator or defensive measure.

SA 2615. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 22, line 16, insert “unnecessary” after “delay.”.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, intend to object to proceeding to the nomination of David Malcolm Robinson to be Assistant Secretary of State (Conflict and Stabilization Operations), PN337; and Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, PN336, dated August 4, 2015.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED FORCES

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “A Way Back Home: Preserving Families and Reducing the Need for Foster Care.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “JCPOA: Non-Proliferations, Inspections, and Nuclear Constraints.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on August 4,